

HB 605 -- INHERENTLY VOLATILE HERBICIDE

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This bill requires the Department of Agriculture to review each herbicide sold in the state to determine if it is an inherently volatile herbicide (IVH). If the department determines an IVH poses an economic risk to neighboring crops it must develop IVH usage regions of the state based on regional cropping practices, planting dates, and weather patterns.

Any person who uses an IVH outside of the time line established by the department for his or her region will be subject to penalties specified in the bill and will be liable for any reasonable costs associated with the department's testing of fields or personal property affected by such herbicide.

The department must publish and maintain a list of IVHs and regional usage time lines on its website. No herbicide formulation or use of a herbicide approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for in-crop use may be sold or used in this state unless the department certifies that it can distinguish between an application of such herbicide and an IVH, or the department includes the herbicide on the list of IVHs.

This bill contains an emergency clause.